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Cover: JML Rotary Scout arrives at St Helena just after dark Thurs 3 Jan at 7.30pm and shoots across the finish line with her spinnaker fully up. Race Officer, Billy Liesegang said: *"They did exceptionally well, all on board were in high spirits, full of beans and received a fantastic welcome from their supporters."*



Brief Yacht History: **JML (Jewish Maritime League) Rotary Scout** is a 39ft Tosca yacht owned by Scouts SA and moored in Simonstown. The original boat was a bare hull donated by Rotary Club Bellville in 1987 and built up over 7 years by veteran TS Neville Coxon, who launched it in 1994. Over the years, just over 3 200 youngsters have gone sailing on her, the yacht being busy most weekends. In 2007 the JML committee agreed to sponsor us for 5 years and we renamed the yacht **JML Rotary Scout**. Some of the sailing includes day trips around False Bay, visiting Seal Island, Cape Point, Hout Bay - or overnight trips across the Bay with the youth sleeping at Gordon's Bay Yacht Club and sailing back the next day. The yacht has also been used by others for training, as a support vessel on an activity and part of festivities – like the Volvo Ocean Race at the V&A Waterfront. Sailing is a wonderful medium for teaching life skills, and JML's sponsorship generosity assists many children to learn teamwork, leadership skills and explore ways of pushing the boundaries of their personal courage in a safe, nurturing environment. Other achievements were taking part in the Cape to Rio Race and numerous Governor's Cup Races, all mainly crewed by Scouts. *Mark Jennings*



Come Sail on JML Rotary Scout - moored in Simonstown at the False Bay Yacht Club. Cubs, Scouts and Rovers are all encouraged to come sailing on the yacht. For more info go to <http://www.seascoutbase.co.za/> and click Rotary Scout or call Evan Smuts on 083 503 0054 or email evan.smuts@gmail.com



JML Rotary crosses the finish line – photo by St Helena Broadcast

The **Governor's Cup Yacht Race** is one of the world's most unusual downwind sailing races, taking place every 2 years. The route covers 1 700 nautical miles of open sea from Simonstown (SA) to Jamestown on one of the world's most remote and extraordinary island (St Helena). It is organised jointly by the False Bay (FBYC) and St Helena Yacht Clubs, this year supported by ESH (Enterprise St Helena) in an effort to raise the international profile of this race.



RMS St Helena - Cape Town

The Trophy is a **Cup** of pure cut crystal, and the race that started in 1996 with the accent on fun and camaraderie, was the brainchild of the then St Helena **Governor**, David Smallman, and then Captain Dave Roberts, of the **RMS (Royal Mail Ship) St Helena** – one of the world's last luxurious operating 7 000 ton Mail Ships today. The ship overtakes the fleet on route, with family and friends of those in the race on board, as well as race management, then transports many of the competing yachts back later.



Governor's Cup

The race started Sat 22 Dec 12 noon with over 90 crew (in 21 yachts) and supporters participating. 12 Days and 9 hours later (3 Jan), JML Rotary Scout crossed the finish line, being first in the Cruising Class (2nd time running). At the destination, crews enjoy traditionally welcoming, St Helena hospitality, touring and the wonders of this remote and historic island. At the official end and prize giving Thurs 9 Jan, our team were surprised at not only receiving the Rally Fleet Trophy, but also one for the first FBYC yacht on handicap. Thereafter, 8 yachts were loaded on RMS St Helena for the return journey, to end and arrive in Cape Town again on Wednesday 16 January.



(l-r) Stephen Jennings with a fish caught on route, The HMS St Helena anchored at Jamestown St Helena, JML Rotary Crew ashore on St Helena after arrival (photo by St Helena Broadcast), Awards Ceremony and Crew receives the Rally Fleet Trophy.



Our Proud Crew (l-r) Peter Bosch (co-skipper), Stephen Jennings (co-skipper), Lorraine Le Seur (1st Durbanville/ Kraaifontein), Tyler-John Brady (1st Jamestown Scout Group St Helena Island), Daniel Frieslaar (1st Bergvliet), Michael Hardy (1st Muizenberg) and David Joshua (St Helena Island Troop who due to sickness was unable to join the crew on the voyage over), with trophies.



JML Rotary being loaded aboard HMS St Helena and placed in the CFW Industries specially made cradle for the return journey with crew to Cape Town aboard HMS St Helena.



SA were among the 6 countries represented at the **Mauritius Jamboree 2012**. Our 11 participants came from Impeesa District, 1st Merrydale, 1st Wetton and 1st Ezulwini Troop in KwaZulu-Natal. The jamboree took place at Belle Mare, with the camp on the waters edge, from 24 Nov to 3 Dec. See more photo's and the [Report](#) on our Provincial Heritage website. *Stuart Ravenscroft (Archivist).*



Joyce Dorothy Horsell

14 Sep 1930

Sat 19 Jan 2013

Always smiling, caring & dedicated.



Thomas 'Tom' Frost

12 Dec 1940

Sun 20 Jan 2013

Passionate about Scouting, up to the end.



From the past: In the 1970's Jennie was Akala of **1st Fish Hoek**. Being past Scouts, we carried **scarfs** in our first aid kit as triangular bandages. In Dec 2010 we took a 3 month trip North to Nairobi, **Kenya** and the Equator, and found an unexpected use for Jennies old scarf. At Outspan/Tree Tops Hotel where B-P died, they have a small museum of BP memorabilia including a large collection of scarfs. We decided to present our first aid kit scarf to the collection. Pictures show Paxtu (BP's 2nd home - Pax Hill in England and this Pax 2 or Paxtu) now museum in Nyeri. BP and Olaves grave is also nearby. *Bob & Jennie Sims*



Do you know how fast waste biodegrades when dumped?

Vegetables - 5days to 1month
Paper / card - 2 to 5 months
Cotton / cloth - 6 months
Milk / juice box - 5 years
Tin cans - 50 to 100 years
Glass bottles - 1 million years
Styrofoam - 500 yrs to forever
Plastic - 500 years to forever

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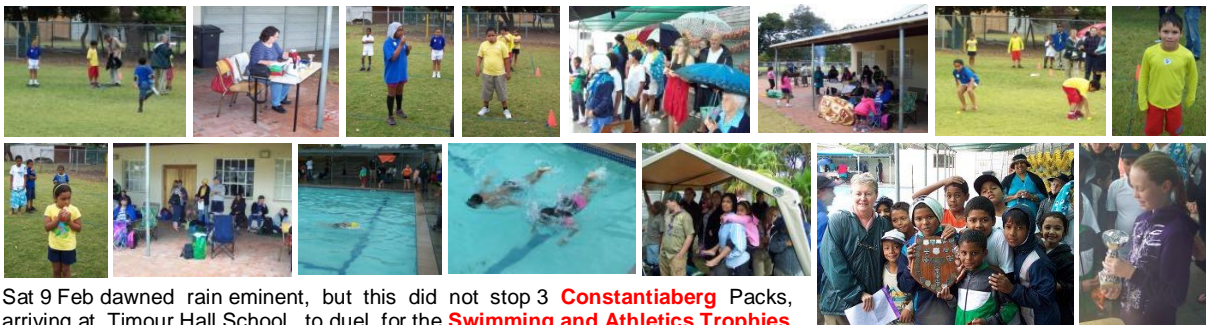


The Kanonkop 'Bonfire' on Friday 15 Feb had over 120 participants from various Groups. The 20m flame could be seen from a kilometer away. The roaring success ended with hot drinking chocolate by Marge Westman and the rest of Kanonkop LA - a great fun evening.

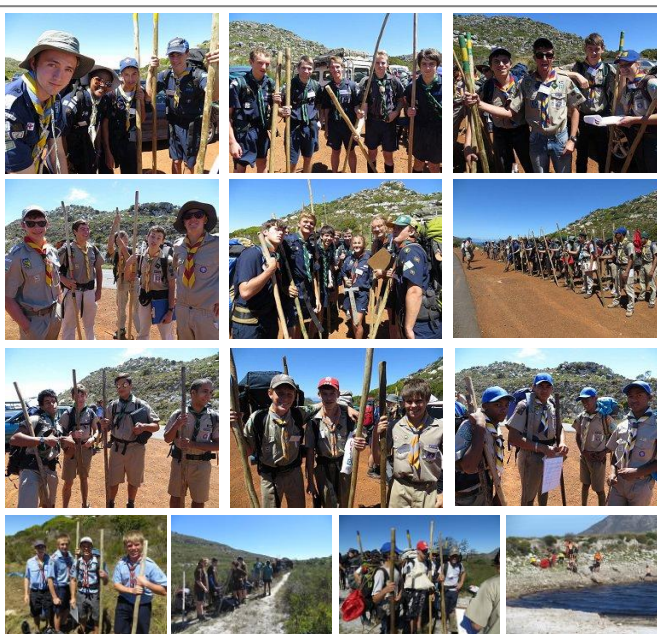
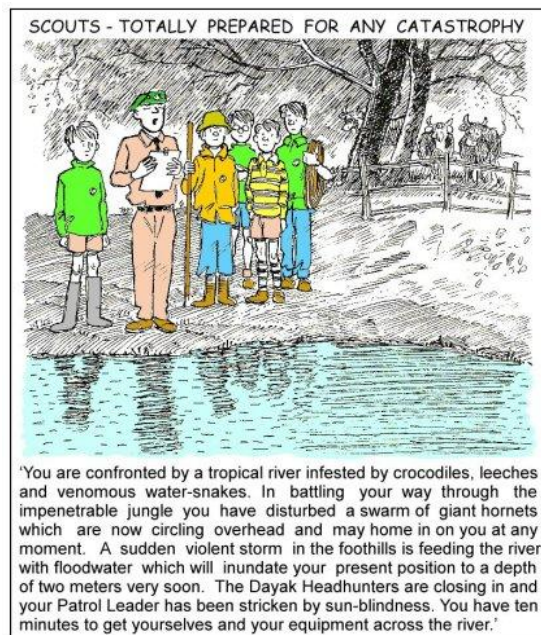


The Provincial **Scouts Own & Cub Fun Day** was attended by many and took place on Sun 24 Feb at the Sea Scout Base. The weather was magical, a beautiful view of the mountain with Sandvlei in the background created a perfect setting for the Scout's Own. The service focused on the youth and the challenges Scouts and all young people are facing today, as compared to previous generations. A band from Belhar entertained the crowd with their talent, which added a nice touch to the whole event. The Cub Fun Day followed with Cubs and all having a great day of fun filled activities laid on by various Packs. *Donovan Storkey 1st Factreton*





Sat 9 Feb dawned rain eminent, but this did not stop 3 **Constantiaberg** Packs, arriving at Timour Hall School, to duel for the **Swimming and Athletics Trophies**. Raksha (Barbara Pringle) in her usual highly efficient manner was already setting out the athletic lanes. Then rain poured down, sending parents scurrying for shelter, but this did not deter the spirits. The races included novelties like Marie Biscuit and Waiter races - tray in hand and towel over arm. With Athletics over, the soaked contestants and spectators moved to the pool. Younger Cubs raced across the pool width, while older Cubs had to duel with the length. There were also non swimmer races, races for poor swimmers with a board, and even a fully clothed relay race - extremely funny to watch, as some lost their oversize pants worn over costumes. Cubs then changed for the prize giving held under a sea of umbrellas as the rain pelted down. Well done 1st Wetton winning Athletics, 2nd Plumstead swimming and 1st Naruna & Constantia came 2nd in both events. *Terry Coetzee*



Rayner Trophy 2013 took place Sat 2 to Sun 3 March with 19 teams registering on the day. The start was on the top of Glencairn Express Way and after opening parade, a code and uniform inspection the teams were on their way along the Jonkersdam Trail. This took teams to the Kleinplaas Dam above Simonstown where they crossed the dam and spent the night at Maylands, just below the old Brooklands Village. The day saw teams doing 13 bases with 5 STA's and a further 4 night bases. Day 2 had them follow the road to Just Nuisance's grave and past the Klawer Ammunition dump toward the blockhouse overlooking Simonstown. Swartkop loomed and this was the only real significant uphill. The path followed the top plateau before descending on the knife edge toward Smitswinkel and the finish was just outside the Smitswinkel Forest Station. No rain, but a lot of wind in its place, especially on the top of the knife edge which made the descent a little more treacherous. Top three position were filled by 1st = 1st Pinelands A, 2nd = 1st Bergvliet A and 3rd = 1st Pinelands B. *Thomas Schrick Chief Judge (Photo's Nigel Forshaw)*

